

Prentice Centre Bulletin



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*Season's
Greetings*

INTERACTIVE VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM FOR QTAC

AS part of a new computerised Admissions System for the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) being implemented by Prentice Centre staff from the Applications Development Group, applicants are now able to ring in and clarify their application status, using the Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS).

The IVRS enables applicants to query their application status and alter their preferred courses by simply using a standard touch tone telephone.

The system is being implemented by QTAC staff as part of a new computerised Admissions System in its final stages of development by Prentice Centre staff. The project has provided staff with considerable challenges as it embraces the latest client server technologies running a rule-based application in an X-Windows presentation environment.

It has been specially designed to incorporate a flexible profile-based approach in the selection of applicants to tertiary institutions in Queensland.

The profile-based approach ensures that every relevant facet of an applicant's background, from study to work experience, is considered by assessors using the system to allocate a place to an applicant.

A more detailed article on this project will appear in the next issue of the Prentice Centre Magazine.

Prentice Centre Director,

**Prentice
Centre**
says
*"Thanks for
the patronage"*

Alan Coulter, and staff wish to thank all customers for their valued patronage during 1992. And may we take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Merry Christmas. We look forward to

servicing your needs in the New Year.

DO YOU QUALIFY AS AN 'ELECTRICAL WORKER'?

OCCUPATIONAL Health & Safety Unit Director, Barry Pratt, has advised that the Electricity and Workplace Health & Safety Acts require all electrical work to be carried out by an 'electrical worker'.

In addition, an electrical worker is defined as an electrical tradesperson (i.e. electrician); electrical engineer or individual with a restricted certificate.

Following on from this, Prentice Centre's Director Alan Coulter urged staff of the University to ensure that they did not tamper with

electrical components unless they were fully qualified.

"Even something as seemingly harmless as removing covers from electrical appliances such as personal computers or audio visual equipment thus exposing the electrical components, constituted 'electrical work'", Alan Coulter said.

"Under these circumstances, staff should be aware that a violation of both the Electricity and the Workplace Health & Safety Acts may be committed if they are not qualified to do the job," he said.

Minimum monthly charges

PRIVATE users of UQVAX and Brolga systems are advised that effective February 1993, the minimum monthly charge of \$20 which applied up to and including 1991, will be reintroduced.

As before, the fee will NOT apply to users within University of Queensland departments or sections, but WILL affect external organisations and private individuals who have been granted access to these systems and whose computing use amounts to less than \$20 per month.

This minimum monthly fee was waived for 1992 during the transition to a new project accounting system.

Reintroduction of the fee is necessary to cover administrative overheads associated with these user accounts.

If you have any queries, contact Customer Service on 365 3765 or e-mail help@cc.uq.edu.au.

Course rooms

FEES for the use of course rooms and associated equipment are currently under review. However, any increase is not expected before July 1993.



Television and Photography Units and Educational courses

CHARGING for services provided by the Television and Photography Units, as well as for Educational Courses provided by the Prentice Centre is also being reviewed, although any increased charges will not apply until July 1993.

It can be expected that there will be small increases in each of these areas, in line with University policy of cost recovery for Prentice Centre services.

Printing, photocopying, image scanning, etc.

CHARGING for all printing services, including line printing, laser printing and typesetting will remain at current levels for 1993.

As well, no increase in charges is anticipated in 1993 for other services such as photocopying, binding or image scanning (including optical character reading and optical mark reading).

Workstation laboratory

IN order to cater for the increasing tendency for the Prentice Centre Laboratory to be used for shorter periods of time to produce high quality output, the current charge of \$2.50 per hour or part thereof will be replaced by a charge of \$1.00 per 20 minutes or part thereof, effective February 1993.



Lecturers audio visual orientation workshop

Lecture theatre audio visual equipment operation, including video and data projection.

Date: **February**—Monday 15 & Tuesday 16

Time: 9am—11am & 1pm—3pm

Venue: Physiology 1 Lecture Theatre
Building No 62

For further information, contact Col Gilmour on 365 4032.

Surplus audio visual equipment disposal

Overhead projectors	Hanimex LVQ	\$100
	Elmo HPA 290	\$150
35mm slide projectors (without lens)	Kodak SAV 1010	\$300
	SAV 2000	\$300

Enquiries should be directed to Ray Hudson on 365 4033.

AUTOCAD RELEASE 10

A special version of this industry standard CAD program is now available from the Technology Shop for students and teachers.

Ashton Scholastic has released a fully-featured and functional version of AutoCAD Release 10, complete with tutorial guide, installation guide and hardware lock, for an education price of \$295.

This Student/Teacher release is a significant move by Autodesk to provide an affordable solution for students, wishing to work with AutoCAD at home. Stronger AutoCAD skills that lead to better prospects for employment opportunities are of obvious benefit to students.

The special AutoCAD Release 10 package is available only to students attending full-time tertiary accredited courses and to lecturers and teachers for home use. It cannot be purchased by educational institutions for use in class labs or training or by teachers for commercial gain.

AutoCAD Release 10 is only slightly behind the latest commercial version and at this price represents dramatic cost savings to teachers and students.

Who is eligible to purchase AutoCAD Student/Teacher Release 10

- University students (enrolled full-time)
- TAFE students (enrolled full-time)
- Minimum enrolment — one year certificate course
- Full-time teachers and lecturers at secondary and post-secondary institutions

Contents of AutoCAD Student/Teacher Release 10

- 4 AutoCAD R10 disk (5.25)
- 1 hardware lock
- 1 licence agreement
- 1 registration card
- 1 installation and performance guide
- 1 AutoCAD tutorial

For further enquiries, contact the Technology Shop on 365 3943.

OUR ONE-STOP COMPUTER SHOP BEATS THE CHRISTMAS RUSH

Are you *tired* of the Christmas rush?

And *annoyed* at crowds in shopping centres?

Then, why not do your Christmas shopping right here, on campus?

The Technology Shop is conveniently located on campus, allowing you to do your Christmas shopping at any time during the day.

And remember, there's no need to leave the campus and no need to lose your carpark!

Don't forget to stock up on film before that big Christmas dinner. We can also process your films

when you return to work with 24 hour turnaround.

Come in and find out how to keep the kids busy over the long Christmas school holidays?

And have you discovered our range of computer games yet? Apart from the more popular games, we have a range of games that we can order in to meet your needs.

The current selection includes:

- Wolfenstein "Spear of Destiny"
- Microsoft "Golf"
- Full range Packtronic games plus more! (including games for Macs)

The Technology Shop is located in the Prentice Building (No. 42 on campus maps), St Lucia cam-

pus or phone on 365 3943. (See over for Technology Shop map.)

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You don't have a computer to use?

LET the Technology Shop help you with great prices on both DOS personal computers (PC) or Apple systems. (As an Apple Consortium member, Apple systems can be offered to you at extremely competitive rates.)

And, if you are a busy executive or academic, we have the perfect gift for you this Christmas! Why not treat yourself to a notebook computer (PC and Apple PowerBooks available)?

Also available, at special educational institution prices, are our audio



visual products and a wide range of computer software and hardware.

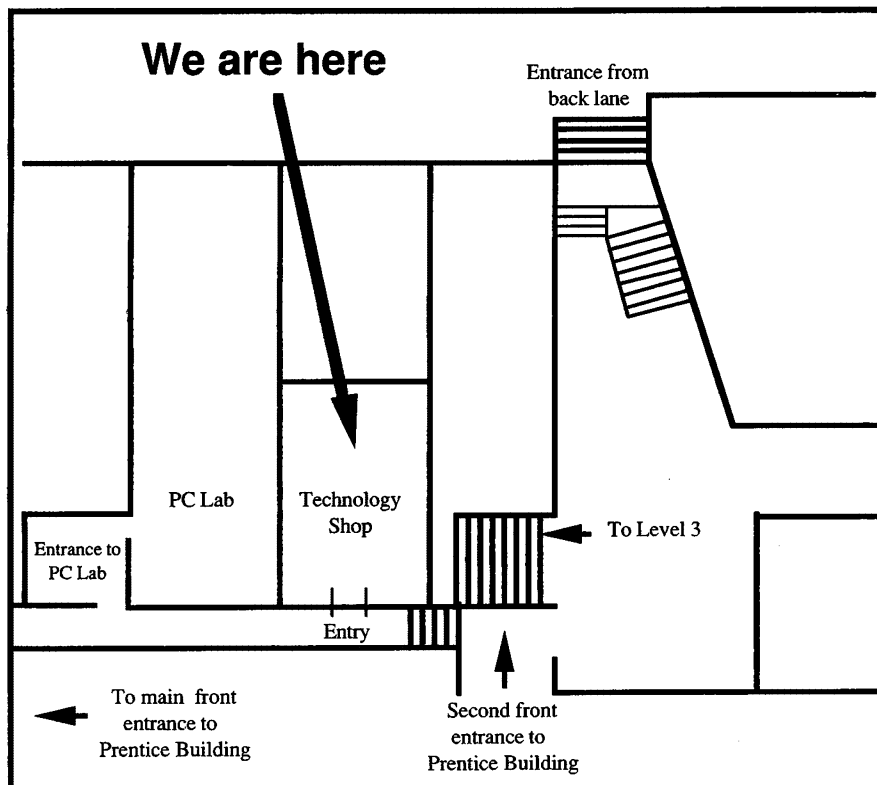
Perhaps you need to hire equipment such as photographic or video outfits; IBM PC compatibles or Macintosh computers.

Whatever your need, remember that nothing is more important to Technology Shop staff than providing our customers with the most knowledgeable and responsive service possible.

So, see us first and we'll help you make the right choice at the right price — whether it's for your special Christmas treat or in the New Year!

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*Diagram of The Technology Shop
Prentice Centre (Building No. 42
on St Lucia campus map)
The University of Queensland*



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